

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to State Representative Rob Fairbanks for his selfless efforts of public service in the Colorado General Assembly. Rob is not afraid to stand up for what he believes in, and he works tirelessly to better his Jefferson County community and the State of Colorado. I would like to extend my congratulations on Rob's retirement and wish him and his wife Mary Ann the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT  
GREGORY L. MILLER

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Gregory L. Miller of the Boyertown Police Department for being honored by the Boyertown Area Times and the Boyertown Jaycees as the Boyertown Police Department's Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Sergeant Gregory Miller began his career with the Boyertown Police Department March 3, 1982 as a part-time officer. He eventually became a full-time officer with the Department in 1984.

During Sergeant Miller's 22 years of service, he has made a great impact on the Boyertown community. In 2001, he was recognized for his involvement in the prevention of a suicide. A year later, in 2002, Sergeant Miller was named the Police Liaison Officer of the Year for his work with the Berks County Youth Aid Program. In 2003, he was recognized for his bravery in an incident involving a knife-wielding man. Sergeant Miller was also the driving force behind starting up the new bike patrol in Boyertown.

Aside from his service in the Boyertown Police Department, Sergeant Miller is also an active member of his community. He has been a member of the Friendship Hook and Ladder Fire Company since he was 16 and he volunteers with the Boyertown Lions Community Ambulance Company.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Sergeant Gregory Miller for his many years of exemplary service to the Boyertown community.

IN MEMORY OF LEE TOLER

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lee Toler, a great man who passed away on February 4th, 2004. Lee was a shining example of the power one man can have in so many peoples' lives, and without him the world is a little dimmer. I offer Velma, his wife, and the rest of Lee's family my sincerest condolences.

Lee came from humble beginnings, as all great men do, but his spirit was richer than all the wealth in the world. His life was devoted to helping kids in our community and in California avoid the dangerous and detrimental effects of drugs and crime. He worked for the

benefit of individuals and our community, and he did much of it as a volunteer.

During the 1960s Lee was a school custodian in Seaside, at Portola Junior High School, later renamed King Middle School after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. He became well known for his willingness to counsel students who came to him, and began to seek ways to help others. His ability as a counselor convinced then Governor Reagan to allow him into state prisons to work with inmates. He was also a key figure in championing the cause of drug treatment as an alternative to imprisonment.

In 1966 Lee founded Young Adults for Action to offer activities and alternatives to drugs, and in 1974 created Young Adults for Action Manufacturing Co. This organization recognized that good jobs could play a crucial role in discouraging drug use among teens, and he worked with local employers to offer jobs to youth and parolees. When these non-profits ended Lee continued his mission with Jobs Not Drugs in 1979, a successful program that continues to this day.

Lee's extraordinary work has not gone unrecognized. He's been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Governor's Award for Creative Citizenship, presented by Governor Reagan in 1968. The only other person to receive this award during Reagan's administration was Bob Hope for his work with soldiers overseas. I also had the opportunity to honor Lee twice, once in 1995 and once in 2000, with the Congressional Recognition Award.

Mr. Speaker, I rise once more to applaud Lee Toler's many accomplishments. Lee was blessed with the ability to see the goodness that existed in everyone, and his life's work was devoted to bringing that out in people. While some merely condemn, Lee sought to understand. My only regret is that Lee could not be in every school, courtroom, and prison in our country, because our society grew greater and stronger with every person he touched. He was a remarkable figure in our community, and his memory will live on in the many people whose lives he has touched. I join the communities of the Monterey Bay, and friends and family in honoring this truly admirable man and all of his lifelong achievements.

TRIBUTE TO 25TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of China (ROC) on Taiwan in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act. I am proud that Taiwan and the United States have enjoyed such a strong and durable relationship over the last quarter century in part due to our shared democratic values.

The Taiwan Relations Act has been instrumental in maintaining peace, security and stability in the Taiwan Straits and the Western Pacific since its enactment in 1979. Today Taiwan is truly an economic success story and I am confident that the Bush Administration and our allies in the region will remain committed to playing an appropriate supporting

role in reducing tensions across the straits. I am also hopeful that expanded confidence-building exchanges between Beijing and Taipei will lessen the likelihood of any potential conflict in the region.

Under the framework of the Taiwan Relations Act, the Republic of China has become a shining example of economic prosperity. Taiwan has become the eighth largest U.S. trading partner with total Taiwanese exports of US\$ 32.2 Billion and imports of US\$ 18.4 Billion. Taiwan is currently the world's twentieth largest economy with a GDP of US\$ 219 Billion. I believe the United States should continue to expand trade opportunities with Taiwan like the recently signed letters of intent for Taiwan to increase purchases of Indiana's agricultural products.

I stand today in strong support of Taiwan's membership in international organizations such as the World Health Organization and the United Nations. Taiwan is deserving because of its commitment to our shared values of freedom, democracy, human rights, peace and prosperity.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, on the historically significant occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, I rise to pay tribute to America's relationship with Taiwan, and I call upon this body to recommit ourselves to the prospect of peace, freedom and democracy in Taiwan for the next twenty-five years and beyond.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE  
HON. MARY FRANCES STEWART

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, Baldwin County and indeed the entire First Congressional District of Alabama will say goodbye tomorrow to a dear friend, a wonderful lady and a truly outstanding public servant. Today, however, I rise with a heavy heart to honor the life—and mourn the death—of that special friend, Baldwin County Commissioner Mary Frances Stewart, who was killed in a tragic car wreck early Saturday morning.

Without a doubt, Commissioner Stewart was the epitome of a true Southern lady. Both gentle and genteel, Mary Frances somehow found a way in almost everything she did to make people feel good about themselves and good about their government.

Moreover, she had that rare knack for being equally devoted to her family and her constituency in Baldwin County. It goes without saying but her death leaves a void both in the life of the county she so dearly loved and in the wide circle of her family and many friends—a void that quite frankly will be nearly impossible to fill.

A native of rural Georgiana, in Butler County, Mary Frances was a graduate of Georgiana High School and received both her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education from the University of South Alabama.

She began what would become a distinguished 23-year career in teaching in the Alabama public school system, spending 13 years with the Mobile County school system. Commissioner Stewart spent the last ten years of her teaching career at Foley High School in